

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

A1-IV-031

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NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: United States Post Office				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Pershing Street at South Mechanic Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Allegany	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: United States of America				
STREET AND NUMBER: Post Office Department				
CITY OR TOWN: Washington			STATE: D.C.	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Allegany County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: 30 Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 166-225				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		
				<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Post Office Building stands on the southeast corner of Pershing and South Mechanic Streets in Cumberland, Allegany County.

The building is a three story neo-classical masonry structure with flate pilasters on the second and third stories and a rusticated first floor serving as a base. The structure has ten windows along the Pershing Street side (the principal facade) and six along Mechanic Street. The windows are metal casement-type. The two entrances have wide stone frames with entabulatures. The corner stone is in the northwest corner. Each entrance on Pershing Street is flanked by a pair of multiple-light standards set at the foot of the steps. The interior of the building is classical in decorative treatment.

The building is structurally sound and basically unaltered from the original condition.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☒ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☐ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1932

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | lasophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1932, the Post Office Building in Cumberland is representative of the neo-classical revival form of architecture employed for government buildings in the first half of the twentieth century. It is basically an undistinguished block with low relief pilasters, cornice, roof balustrade, and door framing in the classical manner.

Robert Holt Hitchins is identified on the cornerstone as the architect. Hitchins, who practiced in Cumberland, also designed the Beall High School in Frostburg, a modernistic structure erected about 1941.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Courthouse, Cumberland, MD.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

The property measures approximately 190' x 194'.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:	
Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Site Survey	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, Inc.	4/18/75
STREET AND NUMBER:	
Algonquin Motor Inn, Suite 510	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE
Cumberland	Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

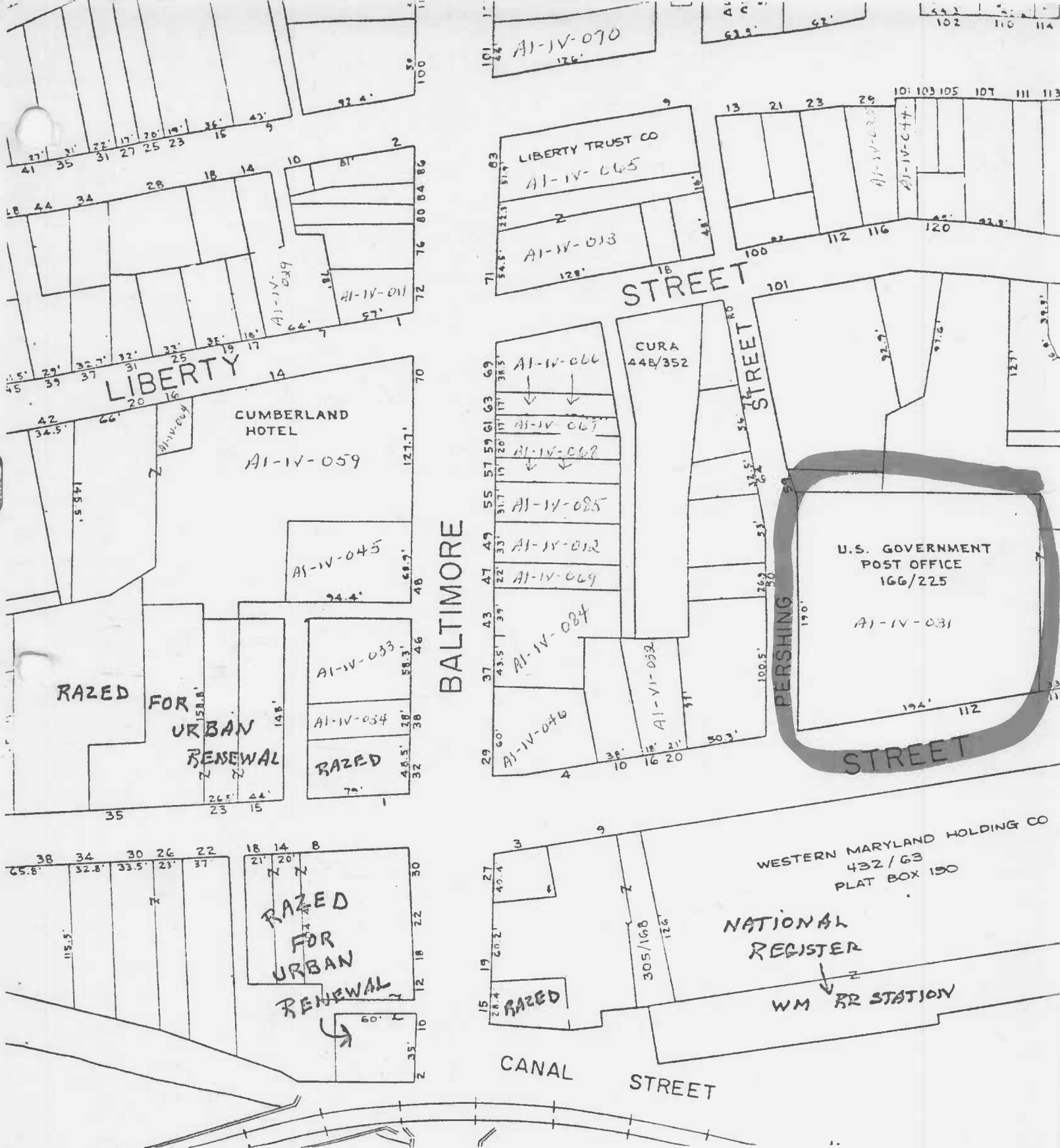
Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

Cumberland, Maryland
 Allegany County
 Tax Map 29 (1972)
 scale: 1"=100'

Site #: A1-IV-031
 United State Post Office
 Pershing Street at South
 Mechanic Street





United States Post Office
Pershing St. at S. Mechanic Street
Cumberland
Allegany Co., Md.
New
September, 1974

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RONALD L. ANDREWS



Old Hs. Post Office Bldg, Cumberland
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